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23 August 1955

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 23 August 1955

**Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell
Presiding**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Special Assistant for Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General Robert A. Schow, acting for Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-2, Department of the Army*
Rear Admiral Robert W. Cavenagh, acting for Director of Naval
Intelligence, Department of the Navy
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Rear Admiral Edwin T. Layton, Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Mr. Charles H. Reichardt, acting for Atomic Energy Commission
representative to the IAC
Mr. Alan H. Belmont, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Robert Amory, Jr., Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Herbert Scoville, Jr., Central Intelligence Agency
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Mr. George A. Pope, Department of State
Mr. Howard Wiedemann, Department of State

***Major General Ridgely Gaither, the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, attended the meeting as observer.**

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Mr. George Muller, Department of State
Lieutenant Colonel John E. Arthur, Department of the Army
Captain C. C. Coley, Department of the Navy
Colonel Willis B. Sawyer, United States Air Force
Lieutenant Colonel Van A. Woods, Jr., United States Air Force
Mr. Donald F. Benjamin, United States Air Force
Colonel Robert Totten, USAF, The Joint Staff
Colonel John E. Leary, USA, The Joint Staff
Colonel E. W. Stewart, USAF, The Joint Staff
Colonel C. H. Dayhuff, Jr., USA, The Joint Staff
Mr. M. W. Kuhrtz, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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1. Welcome to Major General Gaither

The Chairman extended a welcome to Major General Ridgely Gaither, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army, who was attending his first meeting of the IAC.

2. Approval of Minutes

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Approved as written.

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4. Watch Committee Report

No. 263

Noted.

5. Release of SNIE 11-10-55:

"Soviet Gross Capabilities
for Attacks on the US and Key
Overseas Installations and
Forces in 1965"

(ONE Memorandum, 10 August 1955)

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a. Mr. Amory reported that Governor Stassen

[redacted] favored its re-
lease should there be no objection from an intelligence view-
point.

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b. Approved the release of SNIE 11-10-55

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- b. Agreed that release of SNIE 11-10-55 should not be construed as a precedent for the release to foreign governments of estimates which are given limited distribution within the US.

6. Post-Mortem on NIE 11-5-55:
"Air Defense of the Sino-Soviet Bloc, 1955-1960"

Noted the findings and approved the recommendations.

7. Post-Mortem on NIE 11-7-55:
"Soviet Gross Capabilities for Attacks on the US and Key Overseas Installations and Forces Through 1 July 1958"

Noted the findings, as amended, and approved the recommendations.

8. Post-Mortem on NIE 100-5-55:
"Implications of Growing Nuclear Capabilities for the Communist Bloc and the Free World"

Noted the findings.

9. Terms of Reference for IAC Task Force on the President's Proposal to Exchange Military Blueprints
(IAC-D-97, 18 August 1955;
IAC-M-205, Item 9, 26 July 1955;
IAC-M-206, Item 1c, 2 August 1955)

- a. The Chairman stated that the IAC need not officially approve the proposed terms of reference, although IAC-D-97 will serve as a working paper. The Chairman then suggested, and the members agreed, that the Task Force should next define the practical problems which face the intelligence community, taking into account what individual IAC and other government agencies are now doing, or can do, and then recommend to the IAC ways of meeting these problems.

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- b. Mr. Amory stated that the various Task Forces throughout the government which are concerned with the President's proposal have until 15 October to report to the Defense Department, and that the NSC will consider the question around 1 December 1955. It was noted that the IAC has not been requested to make a report by the NSC or other consumers, and that the nature of final action by the IAC cannot be determined at this time.

Adjournment: 1205

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Secretary

SECRETARY'S NOTES

1. No objection having been raised by a member, the Secretary has authorized release to USIA of NIE 63.2-55, "Probable Developments in Cambodia to July 1956," 16 August 1955 (IAC-M-208, Secretary's Notes, Item 1).

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3. The Board of National Estimates and the IAC representatives have agreed that no post-mortem is required on SNIE 11-10-55, "Soviet Gross Capabilities for Attacks on the US and Key Overseas Installations and Forces in 1965," 2 August 1955. The special nature of SNIE 11-10-55, and the extent to which it projects into the speculative future, render a post-mortem unprofitable. Moreover, the post-mortems on NIE's 11-3-55, 11-7-55, 11-5-55, and 11-6-54 already identify most

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of the existing gaps in our intelligence on the subjects covered in SNIE 11-10-55, and these gaps are obviously even greater in any estimate which attempts to project to 1965 (ONE memorandum, 18 August 1955). No post-mortem will therefore be undertaken, except at the request of a member of the IAC.



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